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A new high school program that will send students to museums, businesses and government offices instead of regular classrooms was approved last night by the Washington school board.

The program, called a "school without walls," will open as a pilot project in September with 130 10th graders. There are about 10,000 10th graders in the system.

It will cost \$214,380, about \$1,650 per pupil, an increase of more than 60 per cent over regular high school costs.

Officials said, however, that costs would drop if the program is expanded later.

The program is patterned after the Parkway School, Georgetown residents, Richard city take part, which opened in Philadelphia T. Graham, national director.

The proposed "school" would last fall.

of the Teacher Corps, and conduct some regular history.

A preliminary proposal for Georgia Delano, head of the English and mathematics in federal aid for the Washington Schola, an experimental pri-rented space, probably down-program was tentatively reject- ed earlier this spring by the Avenue.

U.S. Office of Education. But The proposal already has at- tracted wide interest among the museums, agencies and

Benjamin Henley, acting Wash- ington school superintendent, white parents in Georgetown said last night he would sub- mit a revised proposal to the wise would send their children to Western High School.

private foundations. The original plan was to

Even if outside money can- not be found, Henley said, the program would go ahead, prob- ably with money shifted from other school projects.

Plans for the new program were drawn by a citizens' com-

Coates insisted that there be an allotment system to insure that proportionate numbers of

annual salary of \$19,300. The

staff will include seven

teachers, five teaching interns,

two guidance counselors and

two secretaries.

Assistant Supt. George

Rhodes said the program was

needed for "students with

outstanding talents who otherwise

would drop out of the system."

Last night the school board also approved a 326,000 project

to plan for a new center to train high school students as

nurses' aides, social workers,

and aides in other social serv-

ice occupations.

Students would attend the

new center part-time in addition to their regular high schools as part of the system's

new emphasis on vocational

training.

Among the school principals' posts filled by the board last night was that of Deal Junior High School in upper Northwest. A. Lyman Warner, the new-principal, said he applied for the job after reading an advertisement placed in The Washington Post by parents.

Under a policy adopted by the board in December, parents have had a considerable role in choosing school principals.

Warner, 34, is presently assistant principal at Hayfield Junior-Senior High School in Fairfax County.